

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL UNDER THE GMO ACT, 1997 HELD ON 29 MAY 2018, DAFF, HARVEST HOUSE, ROOM 332, PRETORIA

PRESENT

Dr J Jaffha (Chairperson)	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms J Mhlophe	Department of Labour (DoL)
Mr M Matlala	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)
Ms N Tshidada	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Ms W Mandivenyi	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Dr M Jugmohan-Naidu	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Dr A Sigobodhla	Department of Health (DoH)
Ms P Campbell	Department of Health (DoH)
Dr N Netnou-Nkoana	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms T Ndukwana	Department of Trade and Industry (the dti)

APOLOGIES

Mr B Durham (Deputy Chairperson)	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Prof G Bouwer	Chairperson of the Advisory Committee (AC) under the GMO Act, 1997

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr S Mokhothu	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms R Ngoepe	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)
Ms T Mogapi	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Ms M Hlalele	Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA)
Ms A Madzivhandila	Department of Health (DoH)
Ms M Herbst	Department of Health (DoH)
Ms Z Mboweni	Department of Water & Sanitation (DWS)
Ms N L Mkhonza	Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF)

N O.	SUBJECT	RESOLUTION	FOR ATTENTION
1.	OPENING AND WELCOME	The Chairperson welcomed those present at the EC meeting.	EC Chairperson

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2.	ATTENDANCE REGISTER AND APOLOGIES	The attendance register was circulated to everyone present for signature and apologies were noted.	EC Chairperson
3.	ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA	The agenda was adopted with additions.	All
4.	APPROVAL OF THE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF 27 March 2018	The record of proceedings of 27 March 2018 was approved with no amendments.	All
5.	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PROCEEDINGS		
5.1	Update-Hybrid seed production	(i) The EC Chairperson reminded the EC that at the March 2018 meeting, the EC considered Monsanto's letter requesting EC's guidance on how to handle seed production for a stacked event MON89034xMON87427xNK603xMIR62 using parental inbred lines that do not have regulatory approvals in South Africa. The EC had proposed further engagements with Monsanto. (ii) The EC Chairperson informed the EC that Monsanto will give a presentation as per EC's request. (iii) The EC noted and deliberated on the presentation by Monsanto.	EC
5.2	Update-MON810 report recommendations	The EC noted and deliberated on OoR's assessment of the recommendations and the proposal to the EC on those recommendations that may be included in the permit conditions. The EC concluded that the existing general release permit conditions will require minor amendments in order to address the recommendations in the report.	EC/OoR
5.3	Update – NBTs AC position	The EC noted that the AC is still in the process of submitting a recommendation with regards to the implication of NBT for EC's consideration.	EC
5.4	Update – Assessment end points	The EC noted that the DEA is still in the process of developing the guidance document for the assessment endpoints.	DEA
5.5	Update – Regional Engagement Strategy on Biosafety	The EC noted that the Regional Engagement Strategy on Biosafety is scheduled for discussion at Cabinet on 30 May 2018.	DEA
5.6	Update – Inventory of all COP/MOP decisions	The EC noted that the DEA has compiled the list of all COP/MOP decisions and will circulate the updated inventory to the EC.	DEA

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5.7	Update – Monsanto -17/1732: Commodity Clearance of Soybean MON87705x MON897708xMON89788	The EC noted that the commodity clearance application is approved with an additional permit condition for the labelling of this high oleic acid soybean event.	EC
5.8	Update – Guideline document for annual reports	The EC noted that the Minister has given consent for the EC to approve the guideline in line with section 5(2)(f) of the GMO Act. The EC concluded that the guideline document for annual reports is approved and will be published on the DAFF website.	EC/OoR
6.	APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY EC (REGISTRAR)		Registrar
	Time extensions, amendments to (existing) permits, import and exports		
6.1	Monsanto – 18/1785: trial extension of Soybean MON87701 x MON89788	The EC's decision on Monsanto – 18/1785: trial extension of Soybean MON87701 x MON89788 is pending.	EC
6.2	Monsanto – 18/1786: trial extension of Maize MON87427x MON89034 x MIR162 x NK603	The EC's decision on Monsanto – 18/1786: trial extension of Maize MON87427x MON89034 x MIR162 x NK603 is pending.	EC
	New applications		
	Trial release and import and /or export		
6.3	PSICRO – 17/001: Import and trial release of BMN 270 gene therapy vector	The EC approved the PSICRO – 17/001: Import and trial release of BMN 270 gene therapy vector subject to approval by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA).	EC
6.4	Triclinium–18/095: Import and trial release of MTBVAC	The EC approved the Triclinium–18/095: Import and trial release of MTBVAC subject to approval by the South African Health Products Regulatory Authority (SAHPRA).	EC
	Contained use and import and/or export	None	
	Commodity Clearance		
6.5	Syngenta – 17/159: Commodity Clearance of Maize Bt11xMIR162xMIR604xMON89034x5307x	The EC approved the Syngenta – 17/159: Commodity Clearance of Maize Bt11xMIR162xMIR604xMON89034x5307xGA2.	EC

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	General Release		None	
7.	General			All
	Standing matters			
7.1	Regulatory and policy developments		a. <u>SACOTA's legal opinion on exports</u> The EC noted SACOTA's legal opinion on exports. Further engagements were proposed. b. <u>NEMBA amendments</u> The EC noted that the DEA is amending the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act. The EC noted that credentials for COP-MOP must be submitted to DEA	EC/OoR
7.2	Cartagena Protocol (DEA)			EC
7.3	Non-compliance		The EC noted that a visit to port of entries is required.	EC/OoR
8	Date of the next meeting		The date for the next meeting is scheduled for 24 July 2018.	All
9	Closure		The meeting was concluded at 12:58.	All

Approved by Deputy Chairperson

Dr J Jaftha

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Signature

Approved by Registrar

Ms NL Mkhonza

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